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Career Services For Alums

Your relationship with Career Services does not have to end at graduation. Livingston College alumni can still take advantage of a host of services and benefits from the Rutgers University Career Services department. Alumni are entitled to use the full resources of Career Services to help find another job or even to make a career change.

Some of those resources include the Rutgers University Alumni Career Network, an Alumni Networking & Support Group, a variety of Career Days and Career Fairs, an Online Career Library, access to MonsterTrak, and professional career counselors.

The Alumni Career Network is a database of Rutgers graduates from all three campuses. These alumni have diverse educational and professional backgrounds and have specifically volunteered to be mentors to share their career experiences with students and other alumni.

The Alumni Networking & Support Group offers weekly events designed to assist alumni in all stages of their career development. Whether you are just considering your career options or have already determined your goals, the outside presenters and Careers Services counseling staff who facilitate these sessions can provide tremendous guidance and support.

Livingston College alumni are also invited to attend career events sponsored by the Newark, New Brunswick and Camden campuses. For example, the Rutgers-Newark Development Center is hosting "Newark is a College Town Career Fair" on January 28, 2004 at the Robert Treat Hotel. This event is open to candidates of varying degree levels and disciplines including architecture, business, engineering, information technology, law, the arts, social and behavior science and natural and life sciences. This Career Fair is suitable for alumni looking for entry-

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Reunion 2004

Reunion 2004 will be held May 14 and 15, 2004 for all graduating classes ending in '4 and '9 (1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994 and 1999). Reunion weekend will feature exciting events for each Reunion class including socials, family events and class dinners. Most importantly, you will all have the opportunity to reminisce with old friends and classmates.

Save The Date!
Reunion Weekend
May 14-15, 2004

There are still many opportunities to volunteer for Reunion 2004. We need your help to make these events successful and well-attended. You can participate in Reunion planning by helping to select a theme, organize the Class dinner, or contact your classmates.

If you are interested in volunteering for Reunion 2004, please contact Alexs Birdsall Griffiths at (973) 509-3255 or at LAAReunions@alumni.rutgers.edu.

Reunion Years

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Networking Night

Back by Popular Demand: Networking Night with Alumni 2004

Last April, many alumni from diverse professions and backgrounds returned to Livingston to speak to graduating seniors on the topic, "How I Got My First Job after College." Based on the tremendous feedback we received from students and alumni, we are pleased to continue this event for the graduating seniors of the Class of 2004. The next "Networking Night with Alumni" will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 8pm in Yorba Lounge, Tillett Hall.

All alumni are encouraged to participate in this important and fun event! Last year, we learned that LC alumni used a great deal of creativity and ingenuity, as well as traditional methods, to land that all important first job. Come share your experiences with the Class of 2004 and offer your advice and guidance as they venture out into the real world!

This is also an excellent opportunity for alumni to make professional contacts with each other. Last April, alumni from the fields of medicine, journalism, government, finance, law, dentistry, not-for-profit, education, and others attended the event. We are hoping for an even better event this year.

Come join us on February 24! If you plan to attend or would like more information, please contact Yash Dalal at (201) 968-1630.

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level professional positions. Alumni can also look forward to the 25th Annual Career Development Center Spring Career Fair at Rutgers – Newark on April 23, 2004. More information on both of these events and many others can be found on the Career Services website.

Alumni can also have Career Assessments, which can help you identify your interests, skills and values and relate them to occupations.

Another valuable tool available to alumni is Career Counseling. For a fee of $40 per hour, you can discuss your career issues with a professional career counselor. And, as an added benefit to LAA members, your first session is free! Call Career Services for an appointment. You can also "drop-in" to have Career Services counselors critique your resume at no cost.

Livingston College alumni who may not live near one of the Rutgers campuses can still take advantage of Career Services through Distance Career Counseling via telephone consultations and online assessments.

The full array of resources and services for alumni is posted on the Career Services website. Visit http://careerservices.rutgers.edu/alumniservices.html or click on the Career Services link on the LAA website, http://www.livingston.rutgers.edu/alumni.

Great Livingston Grads

Nominations for the 2004 Livingston College Distingushed Alumni Awards are now being accepted

In September 2000, the LAA established its Distinguished Alumni Award. This is the highest award the LAA and Livingston College bestows upon an alumnus. Since its inception, eight alumni have been selected for this honor. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards. This award is presented to those alumni who have distinguished themselves by achievements in their fields of endeavor, by the leadership they have exhibited and by the overall benefits to society resulting from their activities.

If you would like to nominate a LC alumnus for this Award, please submit a statement which includes the following information:

- Name of Nominee
- Year of Graduation from Livingston College
- Living or Deceased?
- Occupation and/or Title
- Nominee's Address
- Nominee's Telephone Numbers (day and evening)

List the nominee's significant accomplishments which make this person distinguished. Please provide the nominee's CV or resume, letters of recommendation and support, and any other relevant information or documentation you wish to be considered. Additionally, provide a brief statement as to why you think this LC alumnus should be considered for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Please also provide your name, year of graduation from Livingston College, your day and evening contact telephone numbers, and your e-mail address.

Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2004, but there's no need to wait that long! If you know of a deserving alumnus, submit your nomination as early as possible. You may submit your nomination to the LAA Elections and Nominations Committee via mail or facsimile:

Livingston Alumni Association
c/o Mike Rutkowski
Winants Hall, 7 College Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Fax Number: (732) 932-7621
Any inquiries or questions about the Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Award may also be made to the LAA Elections and Nominations Committee at LAAemail@alumni.rutgers.edu or visit our website at www.livingston.rutgers.edu/alumni for more information and updates.

Did You Know...

In October, the Rutgers University Alumni Federation held its Meritorious Service Awards Dinner. The LAA was presented with the Ernest J. McMahon Award for Programming Excellence for its inaugural and successful "Networking Night with Alumni" held in April 2003.

Join the LAA

Haven't joined the LAA yet? Giving back to Livingston has many advantages. Besides the discounts to the Rutgers bookstore, Rutgers sporting events, membership to Rutgers Club, access to the entire Rutgers University online alumni directory, discounts to local entertainment attractions, merchants and restaurants, free subscriptions to Rutgers Magazine and this Newsletter, you are helping your alma mater. This most valuable benefit can't be calculated. LAA membership helps both Livingston College and Rutgers University to better serve our students, our alumni and the entire Rutgers community. If you're not a member yet, please submit the form to the right or go to https://www.direct-e.com/rutgersnow as soon as possible and join the hundreds who already are proud Livingston Alumni Association members.

Celebrating R Traditions

Homecoming 2003

The Livingston Alumni Association participated in the annual Homecoming pre-game celebration at Festival Fields adjacent to Rutgers Stadium on October 18, 2003. This year's theme was "Celebrating R Traditions". William Bauer, Jason Goldstein, and Mike Dimond organized this LAA event.

The LAA hosted a barbecue and provided plenty of great food and the traditional LAA Homecoming cake (with the new LAA logo and the Homecoming logo). Many alumni and friends came out for this event and enjoyed the food and activities at the Livingston Alumni Association tent.

This Homecoming celebration was very special as two Livingston College student groups were part of the LAA celebration. The Livingston Theatre Company performed selections from the musical "Pippin" and the Liberated Gospel Choir sang inspirational music. The performances were outstanding and we will ask the groups to perform again next year.

If you and your family are interested in helping with plans for the LAA pre-game celebration tent for Homecoming 2004 – or if you know that you will be at the celebration, let us know. We would like to keep you posted as plans develop. Send an email to wsbauer@comcast.net with Homecoming 2004 in the subject line.

Liberated Gospel Choir Performance at Homecoming 2003

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Livingston Alumni Association Membership Form

To join your alumni association go to:
https://www.direct-e.com/rutgersnow
Or complete this form and mail to:
Livingston College Alumni Association
Alumni Communications
Winants Hall
7 College Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1262
Or fax to: 732-932-7621

[ ] Annual Single - $25
[ ] 2 Year Single - $45
[ ] Alumni Couples (two Livingston graduates) - $40
[ ] Lifetime Membership - $400
[ ] Lifetime Installment - $400 ($100 per year x 4 years)
[ ] Classes of 2000, 2001 - $15
[ ] Classes of 2002, 2003 - Free

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Basketball Night '04

Rutgers vs. St. John's Men's Basketball Game
Saturday, January 24, 2004 4:00 pm

Join the Livingston Alumni Association as the Scarlet Knights take on the Red Storm at the Louis Brown Athletic Center on the Livingston Campus. Tickets for LAA members and one guest each are available at the reduced rate of $10.00. Non-LAA members may purchase tickets for $15.00. To order tickets, please call Yash Dalal at 201.968.1630 by January 10, 2004.

When you reserve a ticket for the game, you can also opt for the Coaches' Huddle, a pre-game meal at the Rutgers Athletics Center. The Huddle gives you an opportunity to hear a brief scouting report by a member of the basketball coaching staff. The Crew Team will also be part of this event. The event provides a full buffet-style meal prepared by Rutgers Catering. The cost for each person is $10 - with an additional fee of $5 for those who would like to have beer or wine with their meal. For more information about the Coaches' Huddle call 732.932.7629. Go RU!

Young Alumni Happy Hour

On Thursday, November 20, 2003, the Young Alumni Committees of the LAA and the Rutgers Alumni Association co-sponsored a networking and social event at the popular Hoboken bar, Mile Square. The event was hugely successful with more than 150 alumni and friends in attendance enjoying good food and drinks. This annual gathering is quickly becoming one of the more popular events for alumni and is certain to become a tradition! Watch the Newsletter and LAA website for information on the next Hoboken Happy Hour.

Join Us!!!
Executive Council Meetings
Monthly
Check Out Our Website For Info
www.livingston.rutgers.edu/alumni

Theatre Nights at Livingston

Fall '03 Recap

The LAA "Brushed up on the Livingston Theatre Company" with their annual Theatre Night at the LTC production of "Kiss Me Kate", November 22, 2003. Members from all over brought their friends and family to the LAA Wine and Cheese reception before the show and then were escorted to an Alumni VIP section to watch the show, "Kiss Me Kate". Livingston students, David Osmer (LC '06) directed the show and Timothy DiVito (LC '05) and Ivan Rushfield (LC '04) produced the piece. It was a great way to help support the arts at Livingston.

Theater Night Spring '04

Once again the LAA is thrilled about its annual theatre night at The Livingston Theatre Company's production of "Damn Yankees" on Saturday April 24th 2003 in the Livingston Student Center. The LAA is inviting you to our special Alumni Night with a Wine and Cheese Reception starting at 6:30PM leading up to the show at 8.

Imagine if you were given everything you had ever wanted: a second youth; the body of an Olympic athlete; the chance to be the greatest baseball player that ever lived. Would you give it up if it meant losing the one person who you'd want to share it with? Jerry Ross and Richard Adler's "Damn Yankees" asks that question through the story of Joe Boyd, who, after making a deal with one of history's more notorious figures (call him Applegate), is given the opportunity to help his favorite team win the pennant...and all he has to do is leave his wife, Meg, behind. With songs such as "Heart," "Two Lost Souls," and "Whatever Lola Wants," "Damn Yankees" is a true classic by every stretch of the imagination.

This student run theatre is now in their sixth season at Livingston College and we are thrilled to be supporting them once again. Tickets for the show and reception are only $5 per person. "Damn Yankees" is a terrific show for kids and we encourage everyone to bring their friends and family. To order tickets, please send a request to Jason Goldstein c/o The Livingston Student Center, 84 Joyce Kilmer Ave., Piscataway, NJ 08854 with the number of tickets and your check (payable to the Livingston Theatre Company or cash payment by April 15, 2003.

"Kiss Me Kate" Photos by Sameer A. Khan

For more information about Livingston Theatre Company, visit their website at www.rultc.org.

College Expansion

Administration Considering Expansion of Livingston College Campus

While alumni and current students have long recognized the need to expand facilities and services at Livingston College, the Office of University Planning and Development is considering two exciting projects focused on improving Livingston campus: "College Town" and the "Student Center Expansion."

The first proposal, referred to as "College Town," is an extensive long-term project aimed at alleviating some of the limitations of the current campus. For example, there is a lack of varied housing options and no off-campus destinations within walking distance. There is also an undeveloped landscape and no clearly defined entrance to the Livingston campus.

The "College Town" proposal will address those and many other issues by adding new and much-needed apartment-style housing for junior and seniors. To increase Livingston's visual appeal, the University would develop landscaping in and around the campus and enhance the entrances to the campus itself. Finally, to create the true "town" environment, the proposal includes adding retail and entertainment activities.

"College Town" would be the first major project on the Livingston campus since the School of Business was constructed more than ten years ago. At this stage, the University has not yet approved plans to go forward with "College Town." However, it is heartening to see that Rutgers has put Livingston back on its radar screen.

The second major project being considered for Livingston College is the "Student Center Expansion." In recent years, student centers on the other New Brunswick campuses have been expanded. Student organizations at Livingston have lamented for years about the lack of adequate space for functions and meetings and the lack of dining options. It seems that the current needs for a student center have outgrown the building's current size, because there are more organizations vying for space and more activities taking place on Livingston campus. In our last newsletter, we reported that the LAA successfully lobbied the Rutgers University Foundation for a separate line item to fund the student center expansion. Although the LC administration, students and alumni have spent a great deal of time and effort to raise funds, there is still a long way to go before the multi-million dollar project can be realized. Some of the changes being proposed include the addition of a theatre for the highly successful Livingston Theatre Company and relocation of the dining hall and post office.

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Unfortunately, the University administration has expressed doubts that both of these distinct proposals, "College Town" and the "Student Center Expansion," can be realized in the near future due to the current budget constraints. However, the LAA sees tremendous advantages to both projects and hopes that they can be integrated into one larger project. These proposals need to move beyond the discussion phase. Although the LAA is tremendously pleased that the University administration has come this far in attempting to improve Livingston College, it needs to take additional measures to achieve these much-deserved goals for the entire Livingston College and the greater Rutgers University community.

College Town Proposal

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Reunion 2004

Class Officers

The following alumni are your Class Officers, whom you elected prior to graduation. Their terms will expire at Reunion 2004. If you are interested in becoming a Class Officer, you will have the opportunity to seek election for a five-year term during Reunion 2004. This is the perfect chance to become involved in Livingston College again!

Class of 1989

Tom Tabar, President
Caren Franz, Vice President
James Fishkelta, Secretary
Renee Richman, Treasurer

Class of 1994

Jeffrey M. Fiorello, President
Jonathan P. Weiss, Vice President
Sheritta Y. Palin, Secretary
Dusty D. Cooper, Treasurer
Thomas Floersch, Reunion and Class Committee Member

Class of 1999

Azure Dawn Diggs, President
Robert S. Urbanowicz, Vice-President
Irene Shenouda, Secretary
Beth Anne Williams, Treasurer

Recent House 15 Reunion

Attention Classes of 1974, 1979 and 1984:

Unfortunately, no Class Officers were elected for the graduating classes of 1974, 1979 and 1984. Therefore, in order for the Reunions of these classes to be successful and well attended, we will need volunteers from these classes to help the LAA organize your Reunion events. Please contact Alexs Birdsall Griffiths at (973) 509-3255 or at LAAReunions@alumni.rutgers.edu.

Alumni from the Classes of 1974, 1979 and 1984 will also have the opportunity to elect new Class Officers at Reunion 2004. Each officer will hold their position for five years, until the next Class Reunion in 2009.

Campus Briefs...

Rutgers Restructure Canceled

By now, we are sure that you have heard the proposed restructuring of Rutgers University is not going forward. More information on the restructuring attempt can be found in the December 2003 issue of the Rutgers University Alumni Newsletter or by visiting http://www.alumni.rutgers.edu/newsletter.

Classes of 1984 and 1989:

Reunion planning is well underway for the Classes of 1984 and 1989. These classes have agreed to hold joint Reunion events. Additionally, the LAA and the Rutgers Alumni Association have agreed to combine their efforts and have a larger joint Reunion for graduates of Rutgers College and Livingston College. Not only will you have the chance to meet fellow Livingston College alumni, but you will also be able to socialize and reminisce with Rutgers College classmates and friends.

The main event is an afternoon of fun and festivities for alumni and their families at the fantastic Sonny Werblin Recreation Center! The Sonny Werblin Center, which was opened in 1992, features a world-class aquatic center with an Olympic-size pool, two auxiliary pools, and seating for 1,000 spectators. The Sonny Werblin Center is not just a swimming facility. The Recreation Center also includes a fitness center, four basketball, eight racketball, two squash courts and a 2,000-square foot multi-purpose room for such programs as instructional dance and martial arts. This is sure to be an exciting Reunion event for you and your families. Bring your children!

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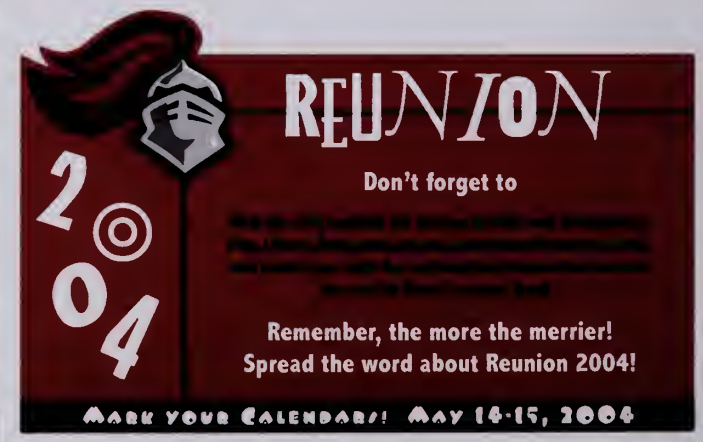

Find A Lost Friend

and get a Free Auto-forwarding Email Address on the Rutgers University Alumni Online Community

Search for old friends or reconnect with former classmates with the Online Community. Membership is exclusive and free to alumni only. Members of the RU Alumni Online Community also receive a free Auto-Forwarding Email Address from Rutgers. For security reasons, you must know your Rutgers alumni ID in order to enter this site. Your Rutgers alumni ID is a ten digit number that can be found on the mailing label of your Rutgers Magazine, or on your LAA ID card. You may also obtain your ID number by filling out a form online. Happy Searching! https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/RTG/

Harry V. Swayne Honored

Harry V. Swayne, LC '90, defensive lineman for the Scarlet Knights from 1983-86 and former NFL player, was inducted into the Rutgers Football Hall of Fame. He was also honored during halftime ceremonies at the Virginia Tech game on Saturday, October 4, 2003. This is Swayne's second RU honor; he was presented with a special Alumni Achievement Award at Rutgers Stadium during halftime of the game against Miami on November 2, 2001. The presentation was made by Dean Arnold Hyndman and then-LAA President William Bauer, Jr. During his career at RU, Swayne played starting defensive tackle for three seasons. His best season came as a senior in 1986, when he registered 51 tackles, five sacks, nine tackles for loss and three fumble recoveries. Swayne received the Bender Award in 1986 and was named to the ECAC All-East first team as a defensive lineman. As an offensive lineman in the National Football League, he participated in four Super Bowls — with the AFC Champion San Diego Chargers in 1994, World Champion Denver Broncos in 1997 and 1998, and the World Champion Baltimore Ravens in 2000. Harry Swayne's accomplishments, on and off the playing fields, honor his Rutgers coaches, teammates, faculty, administration, and fellow graduates of Livingston College.

Members of The LAA Executive Council

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Upcoming Elections

The LAA will hold elections at its Annual Meeting in June 2004 for Officers and Executive Council Members. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the LAA, consider running for one of the five officer positions: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. You can also run for an at-large position on the Executive Council.

Nominations and candidate statements will be accepted in April 2004. You must be a member in good standing of the LAA to run for any position. We will post more information on the LAA web site in March. In the meantime, if you would like more information, please contact us at LAAEmail@alumni.rutgers.edu.

Executive Council

Executive Council Officers

President - Yash V. Dalal
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2nd Vice President - Jason Goldstein
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Federation Rep. 2003-06 - William Bauer
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Membership, Yash V. Dalal
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Programming and Events, Mike Dimond
Public Relations, Jason Goldstein
Young Alumni, Katie Perry

Executive Council Members

William Bauer
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Marty Siederer

About This Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, January 24, 2004 - Rutgers vs. St. John's Men's Basketball Game at 4:00 pm

Friday, February 6 thru Sunday, February 8, 2004 - Young Alumni ski trip to Lake Placid, NY.

February 24, 2004 at 8pm - "How I Got My First Job after College." Networking Night in Yorba Lounge, Tillett Hall.

Saturday, April 24, 2004 - Livingston Theatre Company's DAMN YANKEES, 6:30pm reception and 8pm show, Livingston Student Center.

Saturday, May 1, 2004 - Hall of Distinguished Alumni, cocktail hour begins at 6pm.

Friday, May 14 & 15, 2004 - Class Reunion Events for classes graduating in '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99.

Thursday, May 20, 2004 at 1:30 PM - Livingston College Commencement

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The website is a great resource. Bookmark and check monthly.